

## TOBY'S BATH

My mom came home late yesterday. I watched her as she walked [slowly/ chance/ strong] up the steps of our house. [Do/ Is/ At] the top step, she stopped and [cleaned/ sudden/ stared] into the corner of the porch. [A/ I/ Do] knew what she was looking at. [A/ It/ To] was Toby, my dog. I went [anyone/ mountain/ outside] to see what had made Mom [sheep/ stop/ idea]. When I saw Toby, I knew [why/ saw/ fit]. Toby was dirty, really, really dirty. [An/ Do/ It] had rained a lot yesterday and Toby [send/ must/ late] have spent the day playing in [the/ are/ not] mud puddles. Mom said, "There's no [way/ the/ saw] that dog can come into my [stood/ bridge/ house] like that. You will have to [give/ joke/ only] him a bath."

Now I was [the/ get/ how] one who stopped and stared. Giving Toby [to/ a/ in] bath was not very easy. In [bake/ fact/ shall] it was very hard. It wasn't [land/ mark/ that] Toby didn't like baths. He just [stood/ didn't/ earth] like the beginning of baths. It [was/ sat/ jam] very hard to get him into [the/ ate/ pat] tub. Once he was in, he [sheep/ liked/ skate] it fine.

I went into the bathroom [how/ jam/ and] started filling the tub with [water/ scare/ alone]. I put lots of soap in. [Wash/ Plan/ Then] I went to get Toby. First [no/ I/ a] got his favorite bone. I held [go/ of/ it] in front of him and he [started/ voiced/ trouble] to walk to me. Then I [stretch/ rained/ started] to walk slowly to the bathroom. Toby [because/ sometime/ followed]

me all the way. I don't [learn/ think/ cross] he knew that he was about [at/ to/ on] have a bath.

At the bathroom [woke/ bone/ door], Toby got a funny look on [arm/ his/ egg] face. He stopped walking and would [dig/ pat/ not] go any closer to the bathroom. [At/ I/ Go] waved his bone and he still [did/ aim/ sat] not move. I ran to get [in/ a/ to] dog treat for him. Toby loves [these/ belts/ stand] dog treats. I held it up [win/ and/ saw] started walking to the bathroom again.

Toby [telephone/ followed/ because] me all the way into the bathroom.

[Mother/ Smelled/ Inside] the bathroom, I threw the [hat/ joy/ dog] treat into the tub. Toby chased [get/ the/ mat] treat into the tub. He did [not/ win/ her] think about the bath, just the [corner/ seven/ treat].

As Toby ate his dog treat, [a/ I/ so] washed him. It took a long [song/ kite/ time]. Toby did not seem to mind. [An/ To/ He] liked being washed. Then I rinsed [put/ him/ tea] off with the shower. He liked [lamb/ that/ felt] best. Then I dried him. It [bake/ took/ find] six towels to dry Toby.

Mom [keep/ sure/ came] in then and said, "Toby looks [pull/ same/ very] nice. But you are a mess. [Now/ Arm/ Tar] it's time for your bath." At [least/ early/ stand] she did not have to use [bat/ now/ dog] treats to get me into the tub!